

## Chuck Kriston Memorial Ride

June 2, 2018

This was a motorcycle and jeep ride put together by Melanie Haney, a member of GWRRA Chapter J wherein she sent an invitation to CD's Dave & Judy Hurd. Chuck Kriston was a friend and riding member of GWRRA Chapter D in Gainesville, GA. His widow wanted friends and family to honor Chuck for the many acts of kindness Chuck had afforded his fellow riders and friends over his lifetime. We had six members of Chapter J attend this ride and take advantage of one of the first fine weather days following some 3 weeks of rainy, nasty cold conditions we had endured in the North Georgia area. We met Melany and her Father & Mother, A.L. & Melissa Haney at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Cleveland, GA. A.L. & Melissa are former CD's for Chapter D and have visited Chapter J in the past. We followed them to Chuck's widow's home in Gainesville where they had a memorial service with some 35 relatives and friends present. Following the service, the plans were to take Chuck's cremains to the top of Brasstown Bald and scatter them as per his wishes. However, because it was getting late and some of our people had plans for the evening, we decided to lead the group to Brasstown Bald and continue into Hiwassee for a late lunch. Melany, her husband and son and her parents decided to join us. We came back by way of Hwy. 23 to Hwy. 129, around Cleveland on the bypass, 75-A, to Richard Russell Hwy. and Hwy. 180 where we left the group going to the top of Brasstown Bald. We encountered some light rain and then some very warm weather before reaching Brasstown Bald. One of the riders ran out of fuel on Hwy. 180 but, was quickly rescued by a member of the group riding in a truck. After dispersing the cremains, some of the group returned to the widow's home for a catered dinner, music and fellowship. Melany, her husband & son and parents along with those remaining in our group continued on to a late lunch at Steve's Place in Hiwassee. We covered a total of 175 miles on the ride and met some very enjoyable, dedicated and faithful friends along the way.

Roger LeRoy